

# STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION

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Wednesday, February 15, 2012 9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0777)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez

and Commissioner Lee

Absent: Commissioner Barger

Call to Order. (12-0723)

The meeting was called to order by President Afriat at 9:03 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance. (12-0724)

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

**1.** Approval of Minutes from Meeting of February 8, 2012. (12-0725)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the minutes of February 8, 2012 were approved.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell,

Secretary Vasquez, and Commissioner Lee

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

# **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

2. Hearing on application for issuance of new Information Card and Notice of Intention to Roy Schwartz for Veterans Village & K-9 Companions, Inc. located at 1560 Saw Grass Corporate Parkway, 4th Floor, Sunrise, FL 33323. (12-0706)

Roy Schwartz of Veterans Village & K-9 Companions indicated the charity teaches Veterans to become dog trainers using shelter dogs. The dogs are trained to become specialty dogs and companion dogs.

Commissioners questioned Mr. Schwartz on his experience, allocation of funds raised in Los Angeles County, advertising methods, and the designated recipients of their services.

Mr. Schwartz provided a brief history of his experience and added that the organization is looking to expand and work with the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) to facilitate some of the benefits to veterans and add a Los Angeles based chapter. Funding the organization receives is distributed to areas that are most in need and is used to provide sober housing to help Veterans with chemical dependencies and Veterans suffering from homelessness and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He added that communicating with the VA would promote their existence.

At the request of President Afriat, Mr. Schwartz agreed to require two signatures on the organizations checking account.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, the Commission approved the issuance of an Information Card.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, the Commission received the Notice of Intention to Solicit.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, and Commissioner Lee

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3. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General with Dance and Annual Dance Business License ID# 138858, to issue a new business license to Infusion Partners LLC, Joshua Kientz for Infusion Lounge Universal City located at 1000 Universal City Walk, #208, Universal City, CA 91608 in the Third District. (12-0717)

Chris Rosas founder of DKR Partners provided a duly notarized letter authorizing him to speak on behalf of Joshua Kientz, Infusion Partners LLC. Mr. Rosas explained that DKR Partners is the general partner for Infusion Lounge.

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals and TTC has no objections to issuance of the license. The applicant has been informed of the requirement that a licensed manager must be present while live entertainment is being provided.

At the request of President Afriat, Alice Wong, Department of Regional Planning will confirm if the location operates under a master conditional use permit (CUP) issued to Universal City Walk.

Mr. Rosas indicated that Infusion Lounge, Universal City Walk is the second establishment; the first location was established in San Francisco. The location offers disc jockey (DJ) entertainment, sale of alcoholic beverages, and dancing. Their hours of operation are 6 p.m. to 1:30 a.m., seven days a week, with people exiting no later than 2:00 a.m.

President Afriat reminded Mr. Rosas that the dance license allows for patron dancing and does not cover having dancers as entertainment.

Mr. Rosas confirmed his understanding of the requirement for a licensed manager to be present and stated that he would convey that information to Joshua Kientz. He confirmed that the location has a dressing room and stage that is less than 18 inches off the ground.

Mr. Rosas informed the Commission that the floor plan is not accurate and he would provide the correct floor plan to TTC. He clarified that there are two stages with DJ entertainment and six restrooms. The dressing rooms are located on the second floor next to the restrooms.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

- 1. Stage Waiver
- 2. Submission of an updated floor plan for both levels of the business to TTC within 30 days.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, and Commissioner Lee

Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENT

4. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138667, to issue a new license to Bin Yang, owner of YST Foot Massage located at 18399 Colima Rd., Suite A, Rowland Heights, CA 91748 in the Fourth District. (12-0704)

Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) reported that the application is being handled by the Sheriff's Department and the applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals, TTC has no objections to the issuance of the license.

Bin Yang, owner of YST Foot Massage through his interpreter indicated that the business provides foot massage for \$15.00 per hour session. The hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., seven days a week. The business is located on the first level of the building and is 1,072 square feet. There are nine chairs available for massage with a current staff of four licensed therapists, including the owner. The intention is to increase the number of therapists once business increases and all massage therapists are State Certified.

Ben Garcia, Sheriff's Department reported satisfaction of the case and has no objection to issuance of the license. He requested the applicant be reminded of the hours of operation and the County Code, Title 7 requirements of a State Certification. Cristina Hernandez informed the Commission that the Department of Regional Planning requires all therapists at the location be State Certified.

Discussion ensued regarding the County and State licensing requirements for massage technicians. At the request of President Afriat, Barbara Goul, County Counsel will report back at the next meeting with clarification on the County licensing requirement.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Secretary Vasquez, the Commission approved the aforementioned license.

Ayes: 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, and Commissioner Lee

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5. Hearing on application for Massage Parlor-General Business License ID# 138480, to issue a new license to Xiwen Shan, owner of Day & Day Foot Massage located at 15865 E. Gale Ave., Hacienda Heights, CA 91745 in the Fourth District. (12-0720)

Staff reported the applicant was not present. Cristina Hernandez, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC) requested this item be taken off calendar to allow time to investigate a complaint received by her office.

On motion of Commissioner Lee, seconded by Secretary Vasquez this item was taken off calendar.

**Ayes:** 4 - President Afriat, Vice President Campbell, Secretary Vasquez, and Commissioner Lee

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# **III. REPORTS**

**6.** Commissioners' Comments. (12-0726)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for February and March 2012. The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of March 7, 2012. The next meeting is scheduled for February 29, 2012 followed by March 14, 2012.

# **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Public Comment**

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (12-0727)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

### <u>Adjournment</u>

**8.** Adjournment for the meeting of February 15, 2012. (12-0728)

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:55 a.m.